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RCMP Cst. Jason Barber samples pie as a judge in the baking contest on Saturday.

Sunny Saturday Saskatoon festival successful

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Staff

The late spring has resulted in a late emergence of berries this year, so although there were not as many baked goods as expected for sale at this year's Saskatoon Festival at Fort George and Buckingham House, over 200 people still showed up to take in the activities of the day.

Visitors enjoyed delicious Saskatoon pie with ice cream, browsed through displays of home baked goods, hats, teapots and handicrafts available for purchase. They also had an opportunity to watch local artisans at work.

"The day went great," said Alison Nawrot, a museum guide at Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site, and event organizer. "I think the pottery throwing and glass etching demonstrations really added interest."

Margo Lagasse from St. Paul explained to observers how she feels spiritually connected to her art.

"I have been doing this for 108 years," Lagasse explained. "Of course I am not 108 years old but I was doing this in my past life. I have been making pottery for a very long time."

Although he has recently started his own business, Rob Bonnard said he has worked as an artisan, engraving glass, cutting designs in metal for yard gates and signs, and painting advertisements in windows in the area for many years. He demonstrated his skills by etching a design on a vase and other glassware throughout the day.

As for the baked goods, "It was a tough year because the Saskatoons aren't quite ripe yet and if the spring wasn't so late we would have had more contestants," said Nawrot.

All the first place Saskatoon pies and tarts made by Lavina Yaceyko were sold out by 1 p.m. There was little doubt in the minds of the judges that her pie was excellent, but according to Laverne Wilson, a local Elk Point resident and judge, Yaceyko's Saskatoon crumble was really special.

"The berries were so sweet, and the pastry was very nice and flaky," said Wilson.

First place for preserves went to Kiera Burke, while first place for other desserts went to Ruby Ann Kittlitz.

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Memorial remembers lives and deaths of fur traders

By SHAUNA BURKE
Review Staff

A short distance from the Saskatoon festival, an important historical event took place Saturday, in which a memorial was dedicated to individuals that lived and died at the Fort George and Buckingham House fur trading posts.

Many relatives of the original fur traders were present, including approximately 30 descendants of James and Nestichio Spence who were married in 1781 and settled in 1792 at Buckingham House.

Beth Wishart-MacKenzie, one of two seventh generation Spence descendants present at the ceremony said that for her, this

was an important part of retrieving her family history and reclaiming the pride of her native ancestry.

"Before the research done by my aunt (Shirley Wishart) and my father (Rev. Dr. Vernon Wishart), we were not aware that we had native blood," said Wishart-MacKenzie. "When we realized, we were intrigued and wanted to learn more."

She explained that this ceremony was also important to appreciate the contribution the native women played in helping the fur traders survive in this harsh country and acknowledge how they have contributed to the society we have today.

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Shauna Burke photo

A memorial remembering a group of fur traders is unveiled by Michael Kemp (right), a 7th generation descendant of James Spence.

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RCMP reports rollover, stolen vehicles, and dangerous dog

By Cst. John Spaans
Elk Point RCMP

Single Vehicle Rollover

On July 7, at about 12 a.m., Elk Point and St. Paul RCMP responded to a single vehicle rollover on Hwy 646 approximately 10 km west of Elk Point.

The single male occupant was found to be trapped in the vehicle upon arrival of emergency services. The Elk Point Fire Department extracted the male from the vehicle and he was transported to St. Paul for medical treatment.

Investigation into this matter revealed the vehicle was stolen from Railway Avenue in Elk Point a short time before. The male was treated for non-life threatening injuries and released into police custody.

The 34-year-old Fishing Lake resident has been charged with possession of stolen property. Alcohol and high speed are believed to have been contributing factors in this collision.

Impaired driver

On July 11 at 11 p.m., Cst. Spaans was parked on the side of the highway, north of the Fishing Lake townsite when an older model van narrowly missed colliding with the police vehicle.

The suspect vehicle was driving northbound in the wrong lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was found to be grossly intoxicated. The male was transported to the Elk Point Detachment where his blood alcohol level was determined to be three times the legal limit.

The 28-year-old Fishing Lake male has been charged with impaired driving and operating a motor vehicle with blood alcohol over the legal limit.

Suspect stolen vehicle

On July 11, at 11:30 p.m., Cst. Fehr received a complaint of a suspect stolen vehicle that had just crashed into two vehicles at a residence in Fishing Lake. Cst. Fehr conducted patrols throughout Fishing Lake and located the suspect vehicle driving at an extremely high rate of speed in the townsite.

Cst. Fehr followed the vehicle until it drove off the road and into a densely wooded area where it eventually got high centered on a tree. Most of the occupants in the vehicle fled the vehicle on foot but left one female occupant behind.

The female was placed under arrest. Investigation into the matter is ongoing.

Foot pursuit

On July 7, at 5:15 p.m., Cst. Leger located a male believed to be on outstanding warrants during patrols in Elk Point. While Cst. Leger was speaking with the male, the male turned and fled on foot.

A lengthy foot pursuit ensued, but the male was lost while ducking in and out of backyards throughout Elk Point. A warrant for arrest has been issued for Michael Large of Saddle Lake.

Dangerous Dog

On July 8, the Elk Point RCMP and Town of Elk Point received a complaint of a potentially dangerous dog. The dog allegedly bit a female on the foot as she walked past a residence. A review of the history of this dog indicated six previous complaints of dog bites and two of these complaints had been within the past two weeks.

The owner of the dog, an Elk Point resident, has been charged under the Dangerous Dog Act. This matter is set for a hearing in Provincial Court on Jan. 13, 2010.

Under the Dangerous Dog Act, the owner of the dog has an obligation to ensure the dog is kept under proper control. If a judge finds the dog to be dangerous and not kept under proper control, an order could be issued to destroy the dog. The owner could also face strict fines. The public is encouraged to report any concerns regarding dangerous or aggressive dogs to the RCMP or the Town of Elk Point.

Memorial remembers lives and deaths of fur traders

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The memorial not only recognized the passing of James Spence, but also 12 others, including two other Hudson's Bay employees, Donald Mowatt and James Sutherland, and 10 unnamed individuals including Cree, Blackfoot, and Stoney aboriginals, and a North West Canadian voyageur.

Some of these deaths were recorded in the personal journals of Duncan McGilvery of the North West Company, and their

stories were recounted during the service.

"At night a poor woman departed this life in great agonies, a few moments before she departed, she was delivered of a dead child who she requested should be interred by her side. She also requested that she be wrapped in fine shrouds or blankets that she might appear in decency before her ancestors," said Peter Melnycky, Research and Publications Program, Historic Sites and Museum Branch, Alberta Culture and Community Spirit, at the

memorial.

He recounted the passing of others, including that of James Spence in 1795 at 41 years of age. Rev. Dr. Vernon Wishart later explained that Spence had left his entire estate to his wife and children; however, Spence's father refused to release the money and Nestichio Spence died without benefit of the money.

More stories of this intriguing family can be found in a book written by Rev. Dr. Vernon Wishart called, *What Lies Behind the Picture, A Personal*

Journey into Cree Ancestry. The book is for sale at the Fort George and Buckingham House Historic Site gift shop.

These stories are really micro stories of what happened in this country when Europeans came, lived, and worked here, said Wishart-MacKenzie. She explained that this is an important event in their personal history but it is also a step toward better relationships between native communities and the newer European communities.



UPCOMING AUCTIONS

- Regular Livestock Sale Tues., August 11 - 10:30 am
- Horse Sale - Thursday, September 17 - 6:00 pm
- Acreage Sale for Mike & Josephine Warholik of St. Paul - Sunday, August 9 - 11:00 am
- Farm Auction for Lorraine Ouellette & Michael Williams of St. Lina - Saturday, August 15 - 10:30 am
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Phone: 780-342-8166 or Toll-free: 1-877-275-8830
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Saskatoon festival successful

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Heather Doug and Lois Meikle drove out to Elk Point from Edmonton to take in the Saskatoon festival. They explained that they had never been to this area, but after seeing an advertisement in a local Edmonton newspaper, they decided that it would be a

nice way to spend the afternoon. They took both the indoor tour and the outdoor tours offered by museum staff. But it was the pie with ice cream that was the highlight of the day.

"It's great, we love the pie with ice cream and the drive here was really beautiful. The landscape with all

the hills is so different from Edmonton," said Heather, adding that the view from the cafeteria was wonderful.

"Of course the weather is an important part of any trip and today is a beautiful day," added Doug.

The ladies from the Red Hat society were visible everywhere. Each red hat lady was given a red rose and tea was available for them in porcelain cups.

Also, the children were able to take part in a historic buffalo hunt. First, toy horses were made from socks and sticks, then each of the young hunters collected a paper spear. They stocked the beast through the forest between the Fort George and Buckingham House Historic sites. When they spotted him in an open field, the chase was on until the poor beast was cornered. The children peppered him with the paper spears until the buffalo fell to the ground.

All who attended, old and young, locals and visitors, had a great day.

TOWN OF ELK POINT

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, the Town of Elk Point will offer for sale, by Public Auction, in the Town Office, 4914-50 Avenue, Elk Point, Alberta on Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. the following land:

Lot 1, 2 & 3, Block 1, Plan 5389CL

The parcel will be offered for sale subject to a reserve bid and to the reservations and conditions contained in the existing certificate of title.

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Dated at Elk Point, Alberta, this 5th day of May, 2009.

Myron J. Goyan, Town Manager

Making a trail to the Forts

By JANICE HUSER
Review Staff

Work is being done to create a designated trail that would allow users of the Iron Horse Trail access to Fort George and Buckingham House, located just off Highway 646.

Alberta's Iron Horse Trail has requested permission from the county to designate an access route, which they believe will help promote the historical site. It was noted that the county would be required to install some stop signs and the Riverland Recreational Trail Society would install the directional and instructional signs.

The route will begin by leaving the Iron Horse Trail and travelling west on a registered county road, through a well site, and up to RGE RD 60, crossing secondary Hwy 646, and further travelling south to TWN RD 565. The access route would travel further south up to the Fort George and Buckingham House entrance, according to a letter signed by Marianne Price from Alberta's Iron Horse Trail.

Coun. Glen Ockerman mentioned a nearby cattle crossing is located along Hwy 646 and that many of the trail users could probably use it as a crossing point along the highway. The visibility at the crossing is good.

It was also noted that for bigger events where a number of people would be crossing, there could be traffic control of the area. The only issue brought up was the

fact that the trail would cross a well site owned by CNRL.

The wells in the immediate area aren't being utilized, said Ockerman, but CNRL could still be concerned about liability issues.

"I think we have lots of work to do on this," said Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac.

A motion to start the process of solving the issues and designating the trail was carried.

Halls

According to Public Works Superintendent Leo deMoissac, asbestos has been found in all three of the local halls that are slated for demolition. The three halls include the Owlseye Hall, the St. Brides Hall, and the old Lafond school.

Assessments of the buildings were done at a cost of \$4,500. Assessors went through "everything," said deMoissac, adding, "It's kind of interesting."

More information about the demolition of the halls is expected to be available at the county's next public works meeting. Coun. Frank Sloan noted he would like to "keep the ball rolling" so the demolition projects could be done by fall.

The next public works meeting was moved to Aug. 4 at 8:30 a.m.

Annexation

The annexation of land located just north of St. Paul is still on hold. A couple of County of St. Paul residents have voiced opposition to the annexation and a meeting

with those landowners is expected to take place in August.

A letter had been sent to the County of St. Paul from the Town of St. Paul to start the annexation process, but the letter had errors in it, explained CAO Sheila Kitz. As of the last council meeting, a new letter had yet to be received.

The issue was tabled until more information is available and the letter is received.

RVs

A second and third reading of bylaw 1532 to amend Section 8.3 of the Land Use Bylaw 1486 was carried. The change is a wording change that will see the number "one (1)" change to the number "two (2)." The change relates to lots zoned as CR1.

The amendment changes the section to read that "no development permit shall be required for the placement of two (2) recreational vehicles on a lot for any period of time, provided that that recreational vehicle remains mobile and has no accessory building or structures associated with it."

"The intention has always been two," said CAO Sheila Kitz.

Viability

Council discussed the Municipal Viability Position paper from the AAMD&C (Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties) as the issue will be a major point of discussion when the AAMD&C meets with the Premier.

The paper is part of the process of finding out what municipalities are viable, and which aren't.

"It's certainly a tool for the process," said Reeve Robert Bouchard. He added that the issue of viability isn't complicated for those who are viable, but becomes more complicated for the municipalities that are less viable.

Council carried a motion to send a letter of support to the AAMD&C.

Rebate

The County of St. Paul has received a rebate of over \$6,000 from Workers' Compensation Board for the county's successful participation in the Partners in Injury Reduction Program last year.

Support

The County of St. Paul will offer its financial support to a number of local athletes as per policy. Athletes include the U18 girls soccer team that went to provincials this summer, St. Paul Regional track and field athletes that went to provincials, and Nancy Pratch who is traveling to the U.S. for horse reining.

Northern Lights Library

Council received a letter from the Northern Lights Library System stating that all the subcontractors for the expansion and renovations of the NLLS headquarters have been awarded for a total of \$1.8 million.

Demolition and construction is expected to begin immediately.

County bylaw officer faces frustration

By JANICE HUSER
Review Staff

Dennis Laboucane, the seasonal bylaw officer hired by the County of St. Paul, took time to speak to council about some of the primary issues he is dealing with this summer. The main issue is ATV use at the lake subdivisions.

Laboucane described the situation as "frustrating" and says he has even caught people washing their quads right in the lake. The walkways that once existed at many of the subdivisions now look like "highways," he adds.

"They're everywhere. They're like bees," says Laboucane of the increased use in ATVs. He also added that if there was a bylaw that would allow him to ticket people, there would be too many people breaking the rules to ticket.

"There's a lot of young kids driving those great big... quads," he explained to council. He also added that many of the people using quads irresponsibly are the locals who own lots in the subdivisions, although there are some weekend riders.

Signs have been put up at many of the lakes, letting people know where they cannot drive, such as along the lakeshore, since the area is designated as Environmental Reserve.

"The lakes have lent themselves to this kind of an issue," said Reeve Robert Bouchard. He added, if water levels were to go back to where they were 15 or 20 years ago, many of the quad trails would be pushed back into the bushes.

Coun. Maxine Fodness also explained that council does allow lake users to

take their quads down to the lake to bring supplies, or to complete other needed tasks. The only way to being restricting ATVs on the lakeshore is to have an Environmental Reserve bylaw in place, she further stated.

"Education becomes enforcement," said Fodness, adding, "Until council is ready to have a bylaw in place, it's open season." She believes that if council were to pass a bylaw which would allow people to be ticketed, it would deter many ATV users from riding where they shouldn't.

Bouchard admitted that quad use along the lakes is becoming more of an issue.

Laboucane also stated that he has heard of some lot owners near some of the walkways threaten to sell their property because the traffic is becoming too much. He has also ran into some issues with lot owners obstructing the paths to slow down the ATV traffic.

He also noted that there are a number of trails that run along many of the lakes, each one getting closer to the water than the last.

"The new trail now is in the water," he said, adding, the bylaw right now "just isn't cutting it." He told council that it is now up to them to take the next step and enforce the rules.

It was also noted that the

issue of quad use does not pertain to the county-run parks since most of the parks don't allow ATVs. The areas of concern are the subdivisions.

"Somebody's going to get killed," said Laboucane, further reiterating, "It's frustrating."

The issue of helmet use is also a cause for concern. But, the province has yet to create a law to enforce helmet use on ATVs.

"Is the province going to do anything?" questioned Laboucane.

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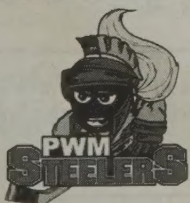
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Water decision must be made

Letter to the community
To the residents of Elk Point:

Within the next 2-3 months, our town will need to make a decision in regards to our water treatment plant. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to list all the facts so that we can make an informed decision.

Three years ago, we learned that our water treatment plant needs an upgrade in order to comply with the new Alberta Environment Standards. At that time the cost was around \$600,000. However, the cost kept increasing such that we had to apply to the government for increased funding a few times.

At present, the cost is estimated at \$3.3 million with the Province paying for 67 per cent. That means the Town will have to pay \$1.1 million.

Unfortunately, this upgrade doesn't address our need to expand our raw water storage capacity.

Therefore, the town decided to join with County of St Paul and Town of St. Paul for a government funded "Regional Study". This study has been completed recently. Now, it is time for us to make a decision.

Goals of Town Council:
We need to increase our water storage capacity as it is the limiting factor for the growth of our Town. At present, our reservoir can just handle our demands for water consumption. However, if we have an excessive demand for water in the winter months (in case of a major fire, for example), we will be short of water. We can increase our raw water storage capacity by (a) increasing the capacity of our reservoir, (b) by obtaining a 24/7 water supply, our own water intake station

We want to have quality and safe drinking water that will exceed or comply with Alberta Environment Standards.

The following is the options that the study presented to us:

GO ALONE
The cost of upgrading and expanding the storage capacity of the reservoir will be \$5.00 million in total. Cost to the Town at 33.3 per cent is \$1.65 million. The mortgage for this sum at 4per cent, with 25 year amortization will be a payment of \$105,620.00 per year. The cost of borrowing is \$0.99 million. A payment of \$105,620.00 per year means, at today's assessment, one mill just for this project—for every \$100,000 assessment on our house, we will have to pay \$100.00 more for the year. Future upgrade cost is not calculated.

LET ST. PAUL SUPPLY WATER TO US
To lay 23 km of pipeline from St. Paul to Elk Point, the total cost is \$7.3 million. Cost to the Town at 10 per cent is \$730,000. The mortgage for this sum at 4 per cent, at 25 year amortization would be a payment of \$46,729.00 per year. The cost of borrowing is \$438,225. A payment of \$46,729.00 per year means, at today's assessment, 0.45 mill for this project—for every \$100,000 assessment on our house, we will have to pay \$45.00 more for the year.

Neither of the above costs includes the actual cost of paying for the water.

According to the report, the projected cost for the next 25 year will be:

OPTION 1: from \$1.32/m3(year 1) to \$1.70/m3(year 25)

OPTION2 from \$0.94/m3(year 1) to \$1.49/m3 (year 25)
The water rate will be uniform for all users and governed by EUB.

In conclusion, Option 1 will give us an upgraded facility. However, it does not address any future concern on storage capacity. We will also have to pay a percentage of all future upgrades.

Option 2 will achieve all our objectives. However, the supply of water is dependent on another facility. Any future cost will be shared among all residents in the region.

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I found a cute story that Mary Ellen Edmunds tells about her Aunt Florence. When she was 84, Florence received a letter inviting her to a sales presentation about condominiums and offering her a free gift: her choice of either a beautiful, twenty-piece set of china or an extra-deluxe chain saw. This was her response (with help from my mother and me):

Dear Mr. Johnston:

I just received your marvelous letter about the unique condominiums that you have in Park City and Hawaii. Living as I do in a nursing home, you can imagine how delighted I'd be to living in Park City or Hawaii instead. I don't know how I was lucky enough to get on your mailing list, but what a thrill!

One thing I'm very excited about is the chain saw. It's just what I need here at the nursing home when we work on crafts. Maybe they'll let me start coming again when they realize I've got such a nice saw; I had to quit going because I wasn't participating. I've missed it.

Another thing I need to mention is that when you fly me over to Hawaii, I'll have to go first class. I've had several strokes, and I just can't seem to hold my legs together anymore, so I'll need the extra space.



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Thanks again for thinking of me here in the nursing home. I think that's great! Owning something for 'the rest of my life,' as you put it, sounds terrific since I'm only 84!

We can only imagine what it was like for those who received that letter from Aunt Florence. Actually, there is another letter this family had fun writing on behalf of Florence. Apparently, some

months after Florence passed away, a letter from the IRS arrived saying she hadn't paid her taxes for 1979. Unless she had reasonable cause for delay, she might be liable for penalties. The letter said, "If you believe you had reasonable cause for filing late and for paying late, please explain. We have enclosed an envelope for your use. Thank you for your cooperation."

"Yes, business was closed permanently on June 9, 1980. I'd not had an income for quite some years prior to that because I was in a nursing home. I know it is unusual to be getting a letter from me now that I'm dead, but I didn't want to mess up your records. I know how important they are to you. It was only with very special permission that I was able to send this note from the Other Side. I must say it's a lot more fun here where there aren't any taxes, but despite that, I do wish you well in your work. I know a lot of people don't fully appreciate what you do, but now that I've got a new perspective (as they say) I know you work hard. Thanks again for your inquiry and for providing the envelope."

So instead of being annoyed from those request telephone calls or letters, maybe we could follow the example of Aunt Florence's family and develop a sense of humour with a response from us. It's only an idea!

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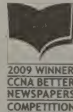


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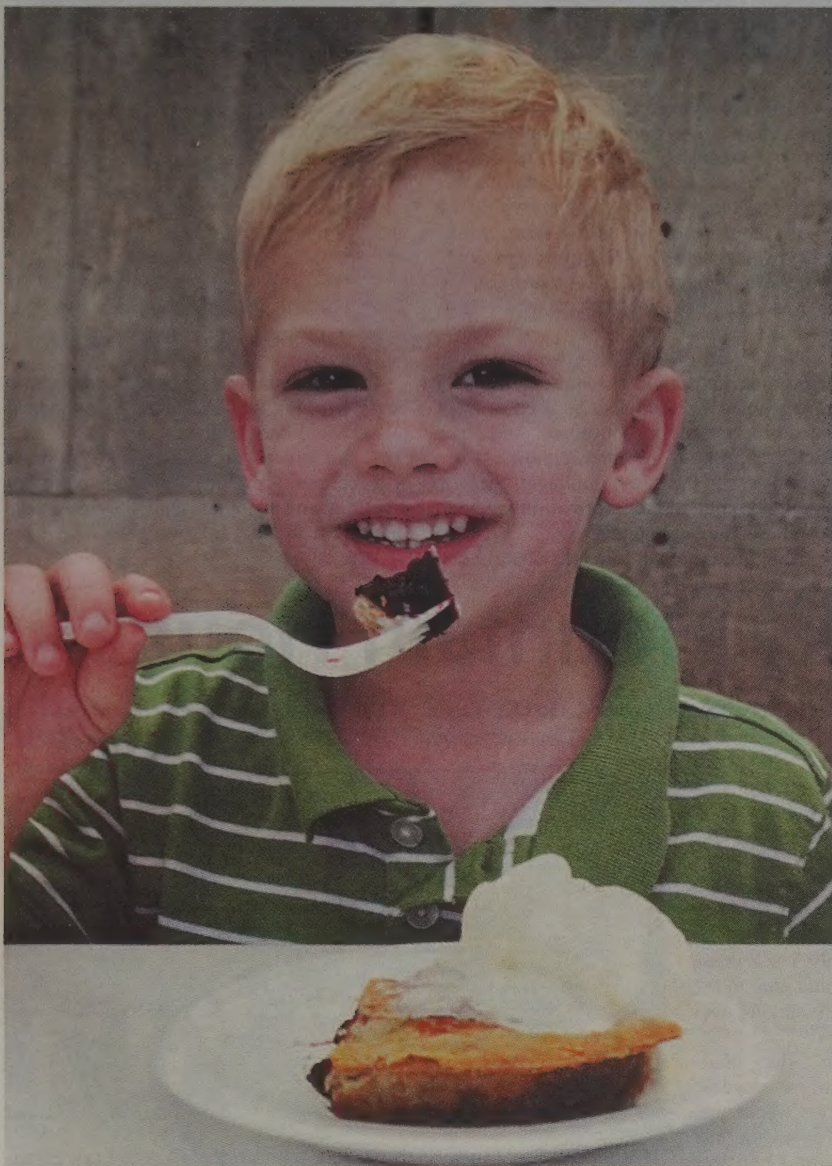
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Ethan Aarts can't help but smile at the thought of eating Saskatoon pie and ice cream.



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A customer tries on a red hat she is considering purchasing from one of the vendors at the Saskatoon festival.



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Shirley Wishart, historian and descendant of James Spence, watches as performer Karen Tingey from Kehewin plays a musical tribute to her ancestor.

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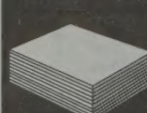
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County to invest \$300,000 into GIS

By JANICE HUSER
Review Staff

County of St. Paul council was presented with information from Accurate Assessment, a company that could provide the County of St. Paul with a Geographic Information System (GIS), on July 14. The county has previously dealt with Telus for GIS services, but the company dropped many of its clients, including the County of St. Paul, leaving the county with no GIS provider.

"Currently we don't have any GIS system," said CAO Sheila Kitz. Not having a GIS makes it hard to operate, she added.

The county is looking to find a provider that can implement an integrated GIS that would work with the county's financial and assessment software, as well as provide for

the future integration of Automatic Vehicle Location software. Council did set aside some funds in its 2009 budget for the GIS.

Accurate Assessment representatives offered council a demonstration on what the company could provide, which included gathering a lot of information, such as taking video of every road and even every sign within the municipality, so the information could be accessed from the office for various reasons.

With the system offered by Accurate Assessment, staff could search for residences and find a photograph of that residence, along with all assessment-related information they might need. The idea behind the system is to key in the data once, but is that information many times in many ways.

Also, the system will eventually allow for graders doing work on county roads to be tracked thanks to GPS. This would allow for easier record keeping and many other benefits. Trucks spraying ditches within the county could also use the system, which would track weather conditions and could turn the sprayer on and off automatically to ensure spraying only occurs where it is intended.

The system would also work in rural addressing and could be used in cases of emergencies. It could also be used to track weeds for agricultural purposes. And since some neighbouring municipalities are working with the same company, there is potential to put all the information together, despite municipal boundaries.

Staff from the public works department,

assessment department, and council were on hand for the presentation.

"It's a start. It's a beginning," said Coun. Maxine Fodness, after council was presented with a cost estimate for the first two years of implementing the system. The total cost for the first two years is estimated at \$298,916. The cost for 2009 would be \$149,888. The proposal presents a five-year project, meaning future budget dollars will be required.

Council unanimously passed a motion to begin working with Accurate Assessments, a Sherwood Park company.

"I am excited about the GIS system. It will certainly provide the staff with an essential tool to obtain and provide information," said Kitz, following the meeting.

Sox heading to Rocky Mountain House



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BASSETT

Review Sports

The streak is over. Six midget baseball provincial finals in a row were held right here in Elk Point, but that ended this year. Nine times in the last ten years we hosted the provincial final, but this year Baseball Alberta was pressured to give it to Rocky Mountain House, they wanted it and it's only fair to spread it around of course.

We hosted it a lot of times and always did an excellent job doing it, other towns didn't want to host because of the work and money involved, so Baseball Alberta counted on us to do it. We did

however host two round robins one in the month of June and one in the month of July, so it wasn't like we didn't get our share of ball played at our park.

The journey to Rocky Mountain House will start on Thursday for some of the team and Friday morning for others, the boys of summer will be playing their first game right after the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. Friday night. The Sox finished the season number one, the top seeded team in the six team tier two league with four wins and two losses in the month of July, and second from the top of all the 22 competitive teams in the province.

The Sox are matched up against their buddies from Cold Lake in the first game, a team we have dominated all year, winning five out of six games, but all the

games were close and anything can happen at provincial final as we all know, so there's no room for errors. The second game is against Stony Plain, Saturday at 6 p.m., the Sox are one and one against Stony in the round robins so it will be another pressure cooker.

Semi-finals and the gold medal final game go Sunday. The Sox are determined to stay and play in the final, even if it means staying over another day.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Fans for the last two weeks you have been reading about the bad break I got. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth." Last weeks answer to - "There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first or last time. I owe him

my best." - Joe DiMaggio.

Do you have any scoops? Now

you can email them to
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This year's Sox team is: (back row left to right) Coach Lorn Berg, Evan Joly, Jordan Croteau, Brett Romanovich, Mike Desjarlais, Dustin Berg, Dylan Berg, Kurtis Nicholson, coach Dwayne Romanovich (front row left to right) Manager Doug Bassett, Zach Ward, Jordan Darr, Tanner Corbell, Matthew Church, Cy Romanovich, Coach Remi Joly.

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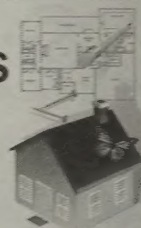
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Our Bonnyville location has an immediate opening for an experienced, self-motivated Office Administrator to provide support to the Regional & Branch Management.

The successful candidate will preferably have two years of general office experience, as well as accounts receivable and payroll. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is a must. Certificate or diploma in Office Administration is an asset.

Interested applicants should send their resumes quoting job title and references to:

Syntech
Attention: Branch Administrator
Hwy 28 West, Bonnyville, AB T9N 2J5
Fax: 780-826-3742

We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.



Sharon Barker photo

A variety of products such as this Saskatoon Syrup were for sale on Saturday at the annual Saskatoon Festival at Fort George and Buckingham House.

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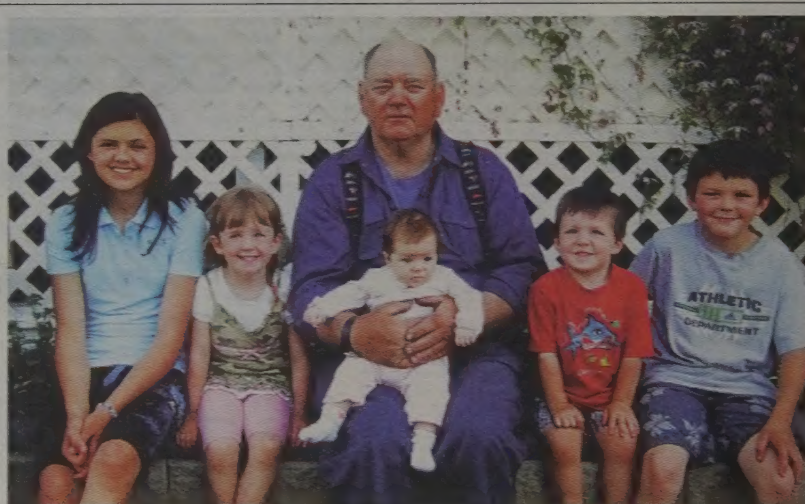
Rhonda and Barry Feldman, former owners of Truck-in 2000, were given a great send-off on July 3 when Clint Povaschuk, Jamie Smith and the rest of the staff hosted a pig roast and invited all their valued customers and former staff. The Feldmans have owned the facility for eight years and "met a lot of nice people here," Barry said. "We were fortunate to land in Elk Point with our business." He feels new owner Dwayne Vogel "will do wonders. He's the perfect person to take this over. We're leaving it in good hands."



On behalf of St. Paul and District Co-op and Federated Co-ops, Elk Point Co-op manager Aaron Knopp and former board member Carol Maas presented Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary president Bernice Capjack with a \$150 donation.



Keith Campbell of the Elk Point and District Lions Club made a presentation on Canada Day to the Al Shamal Shriners when they were in town for the Canada Day Parade.



Birthdays come in pairs in the Zarowny family. Left to right are Maria and her cousin Brooklynne, both born on April 15, Grandpa Ed and his newest granddaughter Makenna, who share April 6 birthdays, and Kadyen and his cousin Dawson, both born on Nov. 22.

Water decision must be made

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It is also obvious from all our contacts with government representatives that they are in favor of Regional Water System. They had already approved a Regional System in regions south of us. In another word, they are aggressively encouraging us to participate in a Regional System.

Both options will have an effect on our future tax assessment for all our residents.

We hope we are able to present to our Elk Point residents some detail information.

There is no secret that we need to:

1. Upgrade our facility,
2. Increase our storage capacity to satisfy present and future demands.

The choice is for us to make. We will have an open house in the near future to discuss all our options and get direction from our residents on which option you will support.

Regards,
Mayor Parrish Tung and Councilors,
Town of Elk Point.

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